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To KODIAK TRANSPORTATION LLC

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NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT

The Plaintiff has filed a lawsuit against you in this Court. You are named as a defendant. A copy of the Complaint is attached

If you wish to respond to the Complaint, you must deliver a written **Answer** to the Plaintiff's attorney (or the Plaintiff if not represented by an attorney) at the above address *within 28 days* after receiving this Summons (not counting the day you received it). A letter or a phone call will not protect you. Civil Rule 5 explains the ways that you may deliver the **Answer** (http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/Rules/civil/CivilProcedure.pdf)

You must also file a copy of your Answer with this Court within 3 days *after* you serve it on the Plaintiff—You carifile your **Answer** with the Clerk of Courts by one of the following methods—1) In-person or by mail at the above address or 2) electronically through the online e-Filing system. For more information on using the e-Filing system, visit http://coc.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/efiling aspx

If you fail to serve and file your Answer, you will lose valuable rights. The Court will decide the case in favor of the Plaintiff and grant the relief requested in the Complaint by entering a default judgment against you

You may wish to hire an attorney to represent you Because this is a civil lawsuit, the Court cannot appoint an attorney for you If you need help finding a lawyer, contact a local bar association and request assistance



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You have been named as a defendant in this Court. You must file an answer within 28 days, if you fail to answer, the Court may enter judgment against you for the relief stated in the Complaint. Seek assistance from both an interpreter and an attorney. Your inability to understand, write, or speak English will not be a defense to possible judgment against you

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Este Tribunal lo ha declarado como acusado. Debe presenta: una respuesta en un plazo de 28 días. Si no contesta en dicho plazo, el Tribunal podrá dictar sentencia en su contra por el amparo que se detalla en la demanda. Solicite la ayuda de un intérprete y de un abogado. Su incapacidad para comprender, escribir o hablar inglés no se considerai á como defensa ante una posible sentencia en su contra

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

RELIABLE TRUCKLOAD & BROKERAGE LLC d/b/a HOPPER LOGISTICS 33870 Crown Colony Drive Avon, Ohio 44011

Avon, Ohio 44011	CASENIO
Plaintiff	CASE NO
v	JUDGE
STAAR LOGISTICS, LLC 560 Myrtle Street Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851	(Jury Demand Endorsed Hereon)
And	
EASTERN ENVIRONMENTAL INDUSTRIES, LLC	

And

4456 US-219

KODIAK TRANSPORATION, LLC 5889 Greenwood Plaza Boulevard Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

Brockway, Pennsylvania 15824

Defendants

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff Reliable Truckload & Brokerage, LLC d/b/a Hopper Logistics ("Plaintiff") for its Complaint and Jury Demand (the "Complaint") against Defendants Staar Logistics, LLC ("Staar"), Eastern Environmental Industries, LLC ("Eastern"), and Kodiak Transporation, LLC ("Kodiak") (collectively, "Defendants") avers and states as follows

THE PARTIES

1 Plaintiff is an Ohio limited liability corporation

- 2 Plaintiff is based in Cuyahoga County
- 3 Staar is a Pennsylvania limited liability corporation
- 4 Staar does business in Ohio
- 5 Eastern is a Pennsylvania limited liability corporation
- 6 Eastern does business in Ohio
- 7 Kodiak is a Colorado limited liability corporation
- 8 Kodiak does business in Ohio
- 9 This lawsuit arises out of a Motor Contract Carrier and Broker Agreement (the "Agreement") between Staar and Plaintiff
 - 10 A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto.
- This lawsuit further arises out of Defendants' fraudulent conduct that was directed to an Ohio company, Plaintiff

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Staar contracted with an Ohio company to perform business in Ohio and Defendants both performed services under the Agreement
- This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because Plaintiff is seeking damages in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars
- This Court is the proper venue for this matter because some or all of the conduct giving rise to this Lawsuit occurred in Cuyahoga County, the contract was entered into in Ohio, and the claim for relief arose in Cuyahoga County

In addition, venue and jurisdiction is proper in this Court because the Agreement provides that all disputes between the Parties shall be brought in state court in Cuyahoga County, Ohio

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

- 16 Plaintiff is a broker who sought a trucking company to deliver hazardous materials
- 17. Plaintiff's hazardous material solicitation was clear and unambiguous (the "Hazardous Material Bid")
- Staar responded to Plaintiff's Hazardous Material Bid and advised Plaintiff that
 Staar was qualified to accept the bid
- Staar represented to Plaintiff that Staar employed three drivers who were hazmat licensed.
- 20 All companies who bid on the Hazardous Material Bid were advised double brokering agreements were not permitted
- Double brokering agreements occurs when a trucking company contracts with a broker to transport freight and then the trucking company subsequently contracts with a second trucking company to transport the freight
 - 22 Double brokering violates the Agreement
 - 23 Double brokering, without authority, violates state and federal law
 - 24 Double brokening places customers and third parties at risk of harm
- Double brokering with respect to the transport of hazardous materials is particular troubling and unlawful
 - Staar was advised in the Agreement that double brokering was not permitted

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Specifically, Section 6 of the Agreement provides "CARRIER, without the prior written consent of BROKER, shall not cause or permit any shipment tendered hereunder to be brokered to or transported by any other motor carrier"

- 28. Staar responded to the Hazardous Material Bid
- 29 Staar entered into the Agreement
- 30 Staar has admitted to double brokering in violation of the Agreement
- 31 Attached hereto is Staar's correspondence of February 25, 2023 that admits that Staar double breasted
- 32 Staar further admits that Eastern performed under the Agreement without authority from Plaintiff
- 33 Staar further admits that Eastern breached the Agreement by failing to adequately transport the hazardous materials
- 34 Staar further admits that it was not qualified to transport the hazardous materials as it represented to Plaintiff
- 35 Staar finally admits that it unlawfully contracted with Kodiak to transport the hazardous materials
 - Plaintiff never authorized Kodiak to transport the hazardous materials
- 37. Staar knowingly provided false information to Plaintiff in order to bid on the Hazardous Material Bid
 - 38 Staar knowingly breached the Agreement by double brokering
- 39 Staar knew that Eastern and Kodiak were not qualified to transport hazardous materials

- 40. Staar knew that Plaintiff did not authorize Eastern or Kodiak to transport the hazardous materials
 - 41. Defendants breached the Agreement
 - 42 Defendants violated state and federal law
- 43 Defendants caused Plaintiff to lose thousands of dollars of hazardous material transportation contracts
- Following notice of the breach of the Agreement, Defendants knowingly contacted Plaintiff's customers in order to disparage Plaintiff
 - 45 Defendants' conduct was willful
 - 46 Defendants were aware of Plaintiff's contractual relationships
 - Defendants tortiously interfered with Plaintiff's contractual relationships
- Plaintiff has been damaged in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars by
 Defendants
- 49 Defendants are jointly and severally liable for the unlawful conduct and damage caused to Plaintiff

COUNT I – DEFENDANTS' BREACH OF CONTRACT

- Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 49 of the Complaint as if fully rewritten
- 51. The Agreement is a valid and lawful contract under Ohio law
- 52 Plaintiff fully complied with the Agreement
- 53 Defendants each knowingly performed under the Agreement.
- 54 Kodiak breached the Agreement by transporting the hazardous material without Plaintiff's authority

- Eastern breached the Agreement by transporting the hazardous material without Plaintiff's authority
- Staar breached the Agreement by double brokering in violation of the plain terms of the Agreement
- 57 Defendants failed to properly transport the hazardous materials pursuant to state and federal law
- As a result of Defendants' breach of contract, Defendants owe Plaintiff in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, plus interest, and Court costs

COUNT II -STAAR'S FRAUDULENT INDUCEMENT

- 59. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 58 of the Complaint as if fully rewritten
- 60 Staar responded to the Hazardous Material Bid
- 61 Staar's response to the Hazardous Material Bid was false
- 62 Staar's false response to the Hazardous Material Bid was willful
- Staar's false statements made in response to the Hazardous Material Bid were material
- Plaintiff reasonably relied upon the false and material representations made by Staar
- Staar's conduct was intended to fraudulently obtain the contract for the Hazardous

 Material Bid
 - Staar intended to breach the Agreement by double brokening
 - Staar did not employ drivers licensed to perform the Hazardous Material Bid
- 68 Staar's fraudulent misrepresentations caused damage to Plaintiff in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars

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- 69. Staar's fraudulent misrepresentation support punitive damages because the misrepresentations were willful and malicious
 - 70 Plaintiff should be awarded punitive damages
 - 71 Plaintiff should be awarded attorney fees

COUNT III - DEFENDANTS' FRAUDULENT CONDUCT

- 72. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 71 of the Complaint as if fully rewritten
- 73 Defendants were aware of the Agreement's prohibition against double brokering
- 74 Defendants were aware that double brokering was unlawful under state and federal law
- 75 Defendants knowingly transported the hazardous materials in violation of the Agreement
- 76 Defendants knowingly transported the hazardous materials in violation of the state and federal law
 - 77 Defendants knowingly transported the hazardous materials without authority
- 78 Defendants knowingly transported the hazardous materials without properly certified drivers
 - 79 Defendants misrepresented facts to Plaintiff
 - 80 Defendants misrepresentations were material
- 81 Defendants' fraudulent conduct caused damage to Plaintiff in excess of Twenty

 Five Thousand Dollars
- 82 Defendants' fraudulent conduct supports punitive damages because the misrepresentations were willful and malicious
 - Plaintiff should be awarded punitive damages

Plaintiff should be awarded attorney fees

COUNT IV -DEFENDANTS' TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE

- Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 84 of the Complaint as if fully rewritten
- As a broker, Plaintiff has valuable contractual relationships with companies with freight needs
- Plaintiff's contractual relationships with these persons and entities
- The Agreement prohibited Defendants from directly soliciting these persons and entities for their trucking needs
- When Defendants learned that Plaintiff intended to enforce the rights under the Agreement, Defendants knowingly interfered with Plaintiff's contractual relationships
 - Defendants had no lawful reason or privilege to make the contact
 - 91 The contacts were knowing and intentional
- 92 The contacts were intended to tortiously interfere with Plaintiff's contractual relationships with persons and entities that had trucking needs
- 93 Defendants' tortious interference caused damage to Plaintiff in excess of Twenty

 Five Thousand Dollars
- 94 Defendants' tortious interference supports punitive damages because the misrepresentations were willful and malicious
 - 95 Plaintiff should be awarded punitive damages
 - 96 Plaintiff should be awarded attorney fees

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment and relief against Defendants as follows.

- Damages in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, plus interest, and Court costs for breach of the Agreement,
- 2 Damages in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars for Defendants' Fraudulent Inducement,
- Damages in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars for Defendants' Fraudulent
 Conduct,
- Damages in excess of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars for Defendants' Tortious Interference,
 - 5 Punitive damages,
 - 6 Costs incurred in prosecuting this action,
- 7 Attorney fees incurred in prosecuting this matter and collecting on the judgment and
 - 8 Any other appropriate relief that this Court deems just and equitable

Respectfully submitted,

/s/David A Campbell

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38(B) of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, a trial by jury is respectfully requested on all the issues presented herein

/s/ David A Campbell
David A. Campbell (0066494)

One of the Attorneys for Plaintiff

Hopper Logistics

8500 Clinton Rd., Broaklyn, OH 44144

This AGREEMENT made the 13 day of April 2022 by and between Eastern Environmental LLC Commerce Commission (ICC) authorized MOTOR CONTRACT CARRIER licensed under permit No. MC 9 4 58 7 SUB property broker under least and property broker under license number MC# 1137137, hereinafter referred to as "BROKER."

- 1 BROKER agrees to offer for shipment and CARRIER agrees to transport in its own equipment, quantities of freight agreed to by both CARRIER and BROKER
- 2. CARRIER shall comply with the financial responsibility, and legal requirements of the appropriate federal and state laws and regulatory agencies through which it is authorized to operate, CARRIER Insurance Carrier agrees to provide anyinsurance coverage's required by any government body for the types of transportation and related services specified in load confirmation communications received from Broker. All insurance required by this Agreement must be written by an insurance company having a Best's rating of "B+" VII or better and must be authorized to do business under the laws of the state(s) or province(s) in which Carrier provides the transportation and related services as specified in load confirmation communications received from Broker, Carrier's insurance shall be primary and required to respond and pay prior to any other available coverage, Carrier agrees that Carrier, Carrier's insurer(s), and anyone claiming by, through or under Carrier shall have no claim, right of action, or right of subrogation against Broker, its affiliates, or its Customer based on any loss or liability insured under the insurance stipulated herein. Carrier represents and warrants that it will continuously fulfill the requirements of this Section throughout the duration of this Agreement Broker shall be notified in writing by Carrier's insurance company at least thirty (30) days prior to the cancellation, change or non-renewal of the submitted insurance policies. Carrier shall at all times during the term of this agreement have and maintain in full force and effect, at its expense, (i) Motor Truck Cargo insurance or a superior equivalent, with limits for the full value of the cargo under carriage subject to a minimum limit never less than US\$100,000 per shipment, a deductible no greater than US\$10,000 per shipment and at least the same coverage limit and deductible per shipment while in storage or at a storage facility en-route to the consignee, (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit of not less than US \$1,000,000 per occurrence and without aggregate limits, (iii) Commercial General Liability insurance, in a limit of not less than US \$1,000,000 per occurrence, (iv) Worker's Compensation insurance in the amounts required by statute, and Employer's Liability insurance with limits not less than US \$500,000 per occurrence, and (v) if Carrier provides Transportation Services for hazardous materials under United States Department of Transportation ("DOT") regulations, public insurance including Commercial Automobile insurance limits required for the commodity transported under 49 C F R § 387.7 and 387.9 (or successor regulations thereto) and statutory required Commercial Automobile insurance limits pertaining to the hazard classification of the cargo as defined by DOT, an MCS-90 and Broadened Pollution Liability endorsements for limits required by law and full policy limits insurance company to issue a certificate to Broker, evidencing the foregoing. When Carrier provides Transportation Services that involve origins and destinations solely within Canada, Carrier shall be current in its remittances to the appropriate Worker's Compensation Board of the Carrier's province, shall provide a certificate issued by the appropriate Worker's Compensation Board of the Carrier's province certifying that the Carrier is not delinquent and is current in its remittances to that authority, and shall have such other insurance or higher coverage limits required by applicable Canadian national or provincial law or regulation. Insurance will meet or exceed the requirements of federal, state and/or provincial regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over Carrier's performances pursuant to this agreement. During this Contract's term, the insurance policies required hereunder and any replacement policies will (i) insure the interests of Broker and, (ii) cover all drivers, equipment and cargo used in providing Transportation Services and (iii) not contain any exclusions or restrictions as to designated premises or project, pertaining to unattended equipment or cargo, for unscheduled equipment, for unscheduled drivers or cargo, for fraud or infidelity, for tarp warranty, for wetness or dampness, for geographical location in the United States, for trailers unattached to the power unit, or for a particular radius of operation
- 3 BROKER agrees to pay CARRIER agreed amount within 30 days of receipt of an original, cleanly signed bill of lading. CARRIER shall be liable to BROKER and/or Shipper for any loss or damage noted on bill of lading. Any additional charges to BROKER must be approved in writing by BROKER.

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- 4. CARRIER shall be responsible to comply with all applicable ICC and DOT regulations as well as all other federal and state regulations pertaining to the operations of a motor carrier
- 5. CARRIER agrees to hold BROKER harmless from and indemnify BROKER for any liability resulting from loss or damage to any freight transported by CARRIER pursuant to this agreement, including all costs to defend claims. CARRIER agrees to hold BROKER harmless from and indemnify BROKER for any liability resulting from personal injury or property damage which may occur during the operations of CARRIER pursuant to this agreement, including all costs to defend claims.
- 6. CARRIER, without the prior written consent of BROKER, shall not cause or permit any shipment tendered hereunder to be brokered to or transported by any other motor carrier.
- 7 The relationship of CARRIER and BROKER shall, at all times, be that of an independent contractor except that BROKER shall be the agent for the CARRIER for the collection and payment of charges to CARRIER CARRIER agrees to bill the BROKER and no one else for payment of services rendered under this agreement
- 8 This contract is made pursuant to 49 U S C 10923, which authorizes **CARRIER** to enter into contracts with purchasers of motor carrier services set forth in this Contract. The Contract is drawn up pursuant to 49 CFR 1053 inclusive. This Contract does not alter the rights and obligations of the parties regarding the transportation subject to this Contract under Title 49 U S C, the Bill of Lading Act and common law, except as provided herein.
- 9 CARRIER agrees that neither it, nor any of its employees or agents, will back solicit the business of any shipper with whom it or they come into contact with or become aware of as a result of any shipments tendered to CARRIER by BROKER pursuant to this Agreement if CARRIER breaches the terms of this paragraph, BROKER will then be entitled to as a commission from the CARRIER of fifteen percent (15%) of the revenue received for a period of twelve (12) months after the traffic first began to move CARRIER understands and agrees that the provisions of the aforementioned covenant not to compete and reasonable as to scope, duration, and geographic area
- 10 In the event that there is dispute between **CARRIER** and **BROKER**, both parties agree that all suits must be filed in the State or Federal Court in Cuyahoga County, in the State of Ohio.
- 11. Reefer Carrier Moving Perishables. Carrier warrants that the carrier will inspect or hire a service representative to inspect a vehicle's refrigeration or heating unit at least once each month. Carrier warrants that they shall maintain a record of each inspection of refrigeration or heating unit and retain the records of the inspection for a least one year. Copies of these records must be provided upon request to the carrier's insurance company and Broker. Carrier warrants that they will maintain adequate fuel levels for the refrigeration or heating unit and assume full liability for claims and expenses incurred by the Broker or the shipper for failure to do so. The carrier must provide their cargo insurance carrier with all records that relate to a loss and permit copies and abstracts to be made from them upon request. The following rules shall apply: (a) Destination market value for lost or damaged cargo, no special or consequential damages unless by special agreement, (b) Claims will be filed with Carrier by Shipper, (c) claims notification procedures will be followed in accordance with procedure described in 49 C F R 370 1-11

The carrier must provide their cargo insurance with all records that relate to a loss and permit copies and abstracts to be made from them upon request. Carrier shall endeavor to maintain a satisfactory U.S. DOT safety rating

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- 12. Additional insured. Broker must become an additional insured and certificate holder of Carrier.
- 13. Safety Rating. Carrier shall endeavor to maintain a satisfactory U.S. DOT safety rating but under no circumstances is the carrier allowed to provide services under this contract if their safety rating falls to "unsatisfactory"

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14. **Sub-Contract Prohibition.** Carrier expressly agrees that all freight tendered to it by Broker shall be transported on equipment operated only under the authority of Carrier, and that Carrier shall not in any manner sub-contract, broker, or in any other form arrange for the freight to be transported by a third party without the prior written consent of Broker. If Carrier breaches this provision, Broker shall have the right of paying the monies it owes Carrier directly to the delivering Carrier, in lieu of payment to Carrier. Upon Broker's payment to delivering Carrier, Carrier shall not be released from any liability to Broker under this agreement. In addition to the indemnity obligation reflected in this agreement the Carrier will be liable for consequential damages for violation of this clause of the agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract at the date and place first set forth above

CARRIER Eastern/Staar Logistics LLC

BY: Muthouzed Signature)

(Please Print Name & TITLE)

Date. 41,3177

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DBA HOPPER LOGISTICS,

Plaintiffs,

: JUDGE MICHAEL J. RUSSO

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VS.

STAAR LOGISTICS, LLC,

ET. AL. : NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Defendant.

Now comes Jay R. Carson and Lorraine M. Catalusci of the law firm of Wegman Hessler

Valore, and hereby enter their appearance as counsel for Defendant, Staar Logistics, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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STAAR LOGISTICS, LLC, ET AL.

Defendants.

Now comes Christopher P. Schueller and Kelly M Neal of the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, and hereby enter their appearance as counsel for defendant Kodiak Transportation, LLC.¹

Respectfully submitted, Dated: June 29, 2023

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Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of any defense of Kodiak that it is not subject to personal jurisdiction in Ohio, or any other available defense

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